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Applicants: Kousuke ANZAI et al.  
Serial No.: 09/583,952  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.